

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12 are pending. Claims 1-2, 6, 8, and 11 were cancelled without prejudice and Claim 12 has been added.

OBJECTIONS:**Informalities:**

The disclosure has been objected to for a spelling and a punctuation error. Appropriate correction has been made to the disclosure, and Claim 11 was cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 3, 4, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, but are indicated to be allowable if such rejections are overcome and if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been rewritten to overcome such objections.

Claims 5, 7 and 9 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been rewritten to include all such limitations.

Additionally Claims 9-10 have been amended to replace "polyethylene" with "polymers", with support for this amendment being shown at paragraph 50 (published application).

Claim 11 has been cancelled and replaced with Claim 12, with the 70% decrease in variability being shown at paragraphs 50 and 53 (published application).

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102(b)

Claims 1, 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,636,326 to Smith et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but has cancelled Claims 1, 2, and 6 without prejudice, thereby

obviating the rejection, and will be filing a continuation application that includes these claims and/or amendments thereof.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103(a)

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being anticipated over Smith et al., in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,303,825 to Gerlich et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but has cancelled Claim 8 without prejudice, thereby obviating the rejection, and will be filing a continuation application that includes this claims and/or amendments thereof.

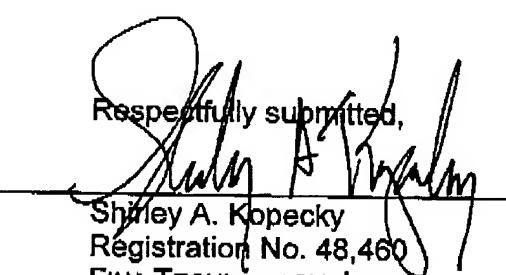
CONCLUSION

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 9, 2005. The claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections and rejections, and newly added claim 12 is believed to be patentable.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

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Respectfully submitted,


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